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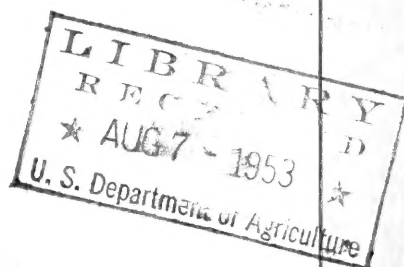


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West Fargo, North Dakota



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Iris Listing



Bearded Iris
Siberians - Spurias



Dear Iris Friends,

Happy 1953 to you all and many more in your iris gardens! Another year has raced by and here we are again with iris time coming on apace. It is too early here to pinch the fans to discover their intentions in the matter of bloom (they have scarcely shaken off the covers and started to stretch into this year's growth) but we are pacing the iris rows to check on pet varieties and see if the hot shots have survived our more or less snowless winter. Losses seem negligible, only the more expensive ones failed to winter. Most have come thru with flying colors or should we say waving fans? So it looks like a good bloom show coming up in early June. If you are within driving range stop in about that time—we and the iris will be happy to see you. So, until we see you or hear from you by mail, we are

Sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Johnson

Martin Johnson



TERMS

Cash with order, please, to wit currency, check or money order. We are sorry that we can no longer accept orders of less than **\$3.00**. Postage is higher and higher and since iris require careful packing in either excelsior or moist sphagnum moss as the case may be, we find that small orders yield little profit or satisfaction. We will continue to pay postage but make your orders **\$3.00 or more** (preferably much more) and we will both prosper. Get your orders in early and we will ship you fine husky roots that will add beauty to your garden and peace to your soul. And thank you all much! By the way, shipping starts in mid-July for the bearded iris and will continue through early October. But it pays to order early while stocks are ample.

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General Descriptive List of Fine Iris

ALDURA — fine large blue and white plicata, one of the best.....	\$1.00	BRIGHT LIGHTS—A clean bright yellow and white plicata with soft tan stitching on the falls.	\$1.50
ALEPPO PLAIN — Lovely red marked plicata, medium in size but very colorful.	\$1.00	BRIGHT MELODY — A real smoothie of unique coloring. Like Concord grapes with metallic sheen and chestnut haft. ....	.50
ALINE — Best and most dependable low priced medium blue.....	.50	BRYCE CANYON—As colorful as the place for which it was named. A rich warm blending of henna and copper.	\$1.00
ALWAYS—A nice buff brown plicata .....	.75	BUFFAWN—Soft buff-fawn coloring accented by a brilliant tangerine beard. Quite distinctive. ....	.50
ANGELUS — Soft blended pink with a touch of orchid. ....	.50	BUTTERCUP LANE — Good soft yellow. ....	.50
ANNE NEWHARD—A nice two-toned blue. ....	.60	CALIFORNIA PEACH — Nice peach toned iris. ....	.50
ARAB CHIEF—A brilliant burnt orange deepening to henna. Velvet falls. Very showy. Late.	\$1.00	CAPTAIN WELLS—Our favorite red, Rich maroon velvet with flaring falls. ....	.50
AT DAWNING—Large bicolor of arbutus pink and deep rose. ....	.50	CAROLINE BURR—A cool aristocrat in cream ivory with good form and branching. ....	.60
AUBANEL — Shrimp pink blend flushed yellow. ....	.50	CATHEDRAL DOME—Large well rounded white. Perfectly named. ....	.50
AZURE SKIES — Very popular true light blue. ....	.60	CHINA MAID—Popular pink blend. ....	.75
BALMUNG — Large clear yellow plicata well peppered with cinnamon brown. Nice! ....	.60	CHIVALRY—Recent Dykes medal winner is this most wanted iris of medium blue coloring. Order early!	\$2.00
BERKELEY GOLD — Wonderful deep yellow of fine form and strong stalk. Well finished flower, rich color, vigorous growth and bloom. A must! ....	.60	CHRISTOBEL—Fine old time red. ....	.50
BERMUDA SANDS—Large beautifully ruffled iris of golden coffee tan tinted with sunset colors. Very lovely! ....	.60	CITY OF LINCOLN — Best all around variegata. Rich golden standards, bright velvety red falls edged yellow. ....	.50
BLUE RHYTHM—Mrs. Whiting's lovely blue, winner of the Dykes medal in '50. A must in every garden.	\$1.00	CLOTH OF GOLD—One of Mrs. Whiting's fine rich yellows. We love it! ....	.75
BLUE SHIMMER—A real beauty of waxy white heavily but cleanly dotted and stippled soft clear blue. Very large but not in the least coarse. *Magnificent!	\$1.00	COPPER FRILLS — Ruffled rosy copper that makes a charming clump and is lovely for cutting. ....	.50
BLUE ZENITH—One of the best of its color class. Light campanula blue, large, tall, slightly ruffled. Good branching, strong growth, vigor and hardiness are added values. 40 inches tall. ....	.50	COPPER LUSTRE—A large and beautiful copper toned iris. An all time favorite. ....	.50
		CORALIE — Showy pink bicolor, a former Dykes medal winner and very lovely. ....	.50
		CORAL MIST—A coral pink blend that is very nice. ....	.75

CORNFLOWER—A fine rich blue from Mrs. Whiting's skilled hand.	\$1.00	GOLDBEATER — Deep chrome yellow self. We consider this one of the finer yellows.	\$1.00
DAMASCUS—Spanish yellow with deeper toned falls. ....	.50	GOLDEN EAGLE—A soft yellow of great size and beauty. Much used in breeding. ....	.75
DAMERINE — Very large majestic deep red with domed standards and flaring falls. People love it. ....	.50	GOLDEN FLEECE—A big ruffled lemon yellow flower. Tall and lovely. ....	.75
DESERT SONG—Beautifully ruffled luscious cream blooms of large size and extra fine texture. Well branched and weather resistant. A real honey!	\$2.00	GOLDEN HIND—A colorful rich buttercup yellow, best of the older yellows. Blooms and increases well. Most desirable. ....	.50
DIRECTEUR PINELLE — Majestic bronze purple of fine form and growing habits. Excels many newer iris. ....	.50	GOLDEN SPANGLE—Soft yellow with a white area on the falls.....	.50
DYMIA — A very deep blue that has appeared in the ancestry of many fine new iris. ....	.50	GOLDEN SPIKE — Very fine hardy iris in deep dandelion yellow. Oval blooms and deep orange beard. ....	.50
EASTER BONNET — A bright blush pink edged gold. A very nice bonnet. ....	.75	GRACE BALLARD — A luscious apricot blend with good substance, flaring form and fine color. ....	.50
E. B. WILLIAMSON — Fine dependable copper red. Splendid performer. ....	.50	GRACE MOHR — Lovely William Mohr derivative, larger, taller and just as lovely. A real beauty. ....	.75
ELKHART—A deep chestnut red that always does well. ....	.50	GRAND CANYON—A deeply colored yet subtle blending of plum, copper and gold. Slight ruffling adds to the charm of this unique and lovely iris. ....	.75
ELMOHR — A sensationally colored iris of great size, rich mulberry purple color and beautifully rounded form. It is well substantiated and weather resistant. Performs rather variably here.	\$1.00	GREAT LAKES—This '42 Dykes medal winner is Canada's gift. A light pure clear blue of crisp substance and flaring form. Tall sturdy stalks, large perfectly placed blooms and superb branching further distinguishes this extremely fine iris. Very hardy and a strong grower. Dependable. ....	.75
ELSA SASS — Medium sized blooms of cool lemon yellow. Nice color but pinched bloom, far inferior to Solveg and others of this color. ....	.50	GUDRUN—A very fine white with giant blooms on rather short stalks. A warm white with a rich golden beard and a dusting of gold at the throat. A clump of Gudrun in full bloom is awfully easy on the eyes. ....	.50
EROS—An old favorite in salmon pink, a bit leggy but vigorous, hardy and dependable. ....	.50	HARRIET THOREAU — A clear toned flower in deep orchid. Long blooming. Very fine. ....	.75
FRANK ADAMS — A fine showy variegata, large and tall. ....	.50	HELEN FIELD FISCHER — A lovely ruffled orchid, very fine for garden show or for cutting. A most dependable iris growing ruggedly and blooming heavily. ....	.50
GALLANT LEADER — A well rated deep rose red of good size and height. ....	.75		
GALLANTRY — A full rounded medium blue iris with lightly fluted petals. Nice fragrance.....	\$1.00		
GILT EDGE — A distinctive pale creamy yellow, falls edged deeper gold. A lovely and beloved iris! ....	.50		

- HELEN MCGREGOR**—The sensational true blue that everyone wants. A clear light color, paler than Great Lakes and with the delicacy of Gloriole. Very refined in finish and beautifully ruffled. \$2.00
- INDIAN HILLS** — A self of rich true red purple of large size and oval form. Grows thriftily and makes a striking color show. Always a sellout.50
- INSPIRATION**—A truly gorgeous iris and a startling color break. Enormous, beautifully formed blooms of vivid lustrous rose carmine on sturdy well branched stems. An iris of steady and increasing demand. \$1.00
- JAKE** — A fine glistening white from the Sass gardens. It puts on a wonderful bloom show.75
- JANICE**—Much like Missouri but without the touch of brown at the haft. Also a stronger grower and later blooming.60
- JUNALUSKA**—Fine blended copper red still very popular tho now one of the older iris. A very good one.50
- KANSAS BOUQUET** — A heavily marked blue and white plicata that is very lovely. Good size and substance.50
- LADDIE**—A very fine iris of rich blue coloring. One of the finest introductions from Syllmar Gardens. We consider it one of the very best of its color. \$7.50
- LADY MOHR**—The controversial but very lovely William Mohr hybrid in an exquisite blending of oyster white and chartreuse. Do try it! It's exquisite for arrangements. \$1.00
- LADY NAOMI** — A sanded pale lavender with a network of violet lines in the falls. General effect is pale lavender.50
- LADY OF SHALOTT** — A very nice frilly pink plicata. You'll like it!75
- LAKE GEORGE**—A soft medium blue without marking or veining. Pale yellow beard, flaring falls. \$1.00
- LAKE TENAYA** — Another very fine blue from Syllmar Gardens. Add this beauty to your iris garden. \$3.50
- LAVENDER AND GOLD LACE**—An exquisite dainty ruffled iris of orchid edged gold, As pretty as its name.75
- LIGHTHOUSE**—A glowing iris of old rose and rose red with golden light streaming from the center. Perfectly named!50
- LOTHARIO**—A large blue bicolor, of Amigo type but larger, taller and perhaps more deeply colored. \$1.00
- LOUVOIS**—A glossy lustrous iris of rich velvety chocolate brown with lighter edging on the falls. A real brown of great charm and distinction.50
- LOVELY DAY**—A very pale blue that turns cool white. Large blooms beautifully proportioned and set on well branched stems.60
- MAID OF ASTOLAT**—A beautiful blue and white plicata that sells like a hot cake, and with reason.50
- MANYUSYA**—A good rugged pink from Mr. Hill of Kansas.50
- MARILYN**—A taller missouri.50
- MARINE WAVE** — Nice medium blue intermediate.60
- MARTA HARI**—A very fine late blooming purple. A favorite here.50
- MATTERHORN**—A pure white of perfect rounded standards and flaring falls. Firm substance and perfect branching.50
- MATULA** — An unusual blend of rose and buff. Large well-substanted flowers with edges nicely crimped and waved. Unusual!50
- MAY DAY** — A stunning apricot orange overlaid copper with a nice orange beard. Well branched with fair substance. Fine for breeding.50
- MELANIE** — A fine Hill origination. Large ruffled flowers of orchid pink. Tall, well branched, of fine form and substance, and a lusty grower. No faults.50

MEXICO—A really lovely warmly colored variegata more smoothly blended than most. Golden tan standards and red brown falls. Tops with us.	\$1.50
MIDWEST GEM — Like a ripe peach is this tempting iris of luminous peach puff. Petals heavily substantced with crimped and ruffled edges. ....	.50
MING YELLOW—One of the largest yellows, this smooth beautifully finished flower has splendid substance and rich color. ....	.50
MISSOURI—An iris classic! Giant blooms of perfect form and enameled finish in a clear shade of medium mlue. Well worthy of its Dykes medal. ....	.50
MISTY GOLD — Another of the many soft yellows with a white area on the falls.	\$1.00
MME. LOUIS AUREAU—A lovely plicata of silvery white and rosy heliotrope. Blooms early and heavily. A superb performer. ....	.50
MODISTE — A very delicate and lovely lavender, a fancier's flower. ....	.50
MONONA — Richly blended plum purple and heliotrope with an edging of copper brown on the falls. Warm glowing color, lovely en masse. ....	.60
MRS. WILLARD JAKUES — A charming blend of pinkish bronze, very fresh and sprightly. Flowers of medium size, daintily frilled and ruffled. ....	.50
MT. HERMON—A very cool thick textured white that rates with the very best. Well balanced flowers, very weather resistant.	\$1.50
MT. TIMP—A fine plicata splashed lavender and brown. ....	.75
MULBERRY ROSE—An imposing and really different iris, a self of radiant mulberry rose. The color is unusual and the large blooms well spaced on good stalks display it to fine advantage. A most unique and lovely flower. ....	.75
NOONDAY SKY—A large iris of soft lavender blue. Excellent substance and slight fragrance. ....	.50
NYLON — Smooth light caramel tan blend. Large full ruffled flowers of good form and substance. Good for breeding. ....	.50
OLA KALA—An intensely colored iris of deep yellow, almost orange. Very brilliant. Form is flaring and ruffled, making it very weather resistant.	\$1.00
OREGON SUNSHINE—Nice large tall iris of soft uniform yellow. No flecking at all. We like both its color and its performance.....	.50
PATRICE — A nicely formed plicata of peach and rosy lavender on creamy white, brushed with pale gold at the haft.	\$1.00
PATRICIA — A daintily ruffled pure white iris of medium size and height. Very popular. ....	.75
PEACHBLOW — A warmly pink and pretty plicata as luscious as peaches and cream. Color carries well in the garden. ....	.75
PINK CAMEO—A very smoothly tailored iris in the new shell pink. The very best at the price. You'll love it!	\$1.50
PINK MARVEL—A very pretty thing in tones of rose pink. Grows strongly. ....	.50
PINK RUFFLES—A darling border iris in crisp ruffled pink. ....	.75
PLATINUM BEAUTY — An odd and lovely muted blend of soft pastels. ....	.50
PRAIRIE SUNSET—A truly fine all time favorite in a subtle blending of sunset colors. Hard to describe but easy to love.	\$1.00
PRISCILLA — A very nice white is this Puritan lass. We like her very much. ....	.75
RAEJEAN — A lovely two toned late blooming yellow from Mrs. Whiting. ....	.50
REGENCY ROSE — A medley of pinkish rose and deep rose pink. ....	.50
ROYAL SCOTT — Plicata heavily marked in Burgundy red. Quite red in effect. ....	.75

- RUBAIYAT — (Ruth M. Johnson)
—A large full flower with well domed standards and quite flaring falls. A bicolor with pale lavender standards and deep fuchsia purple falls. A trifle short and bunched but the color is gorgeous and it makes a fine garden clump. A splendid performer that puts on a fine bloom show. \$2.00
- SABLE — This deservedly popular iris is a gorgeous deep velvety black violet with a dark beard in perfect harmony. A large and wonderfully fine iris, brilliant despite the depth of color and a most gratifying performer. An early and generous bloomer.75
- SANDIA — A sturdy deep pink blend. Interesting purple tinged foliage, large fans.50
- SHAH JEHAN — An oldie but good. Supposed to have seven colors (I never could see that many) but call it a pretty one with tannish standards and velvety dark falls. I like it, you'll like it! A trifle small like many older iris but in good proportion.50
- SHANNOPIN—A very nice iris of medium size in cream and rose. Parent of several fine new iris.75
- SHARKSKIN — A silken smooth white of very heavy substance and clear color. A well-liked white.75
- SHERIFFA — A most interesting hybrid in metallic purple. Most people like it.75
- SHIRVAN—Fine brown toned iris with richly finished falls.50
- SILVER SUSIE—A good tall silvery white. Order this where you need a tall one. \$1.00
- SNOWKING — This white, like Gudrun, stands right up with the best of the new whites. Large beautiful flowers on tall well branched stalks. Good enough for the finest garden. And fragrant, too.50
- SOLVEG—(Martin Johnson) — A delectable shade of lemon yellow, a self save for a large white area on the falls. Yellow beard tipped white. Good size, medium height, slight fragrance. Very cool and frosty looking, reminiscent of a dish of lemon ice. Good growing habits and excellent weather resistance. Much the garden effect of Elsa Sass and Misty Gold but in a larger fuller flower. Well tested for hardiness and performance. \$3.00
- SPRING CLOUD — A heavily flushed blue plicata that everyone likes. You'll like it, too.50
- SPRING ROMANCE — Huge tall light yellow from Syllmar Gardens, Elma Miess' fine introduction. Grows strongly and blooms heavily. Try it in your garden..... \$7.50
- SPUN GOLD—A rich deep golden yellow with an unusually smooth velvety finish. A real sensation!75
- STARDOM — A brilliant salmon-buff-apricot blend with a glowing orange beard.50
- STELLA POLARIS—A very good tall white for the background..... .60
- SUNNY RUFFLES—A lovely soft creamy yellow. A charmer50
- SUNSET SERENADE — A fine prairie Sunset seedling in rather similar coloring. Very nice..... \$1.00
- SUSIE Q — (Martin Johnson)—A very warmly colored rosy brown plicata, more tailored and less ruffled than Tiffany. Gives a very bright garden effect. Fine for cutting. \$1.50
- TA MING—A nice orange yellow. Far better in every way than Naranja.50
- TAPESTRY ROSE—Large crimped flowers of deep rose. Leathery finish and good form.50
- TEA ROSE—A deep mallow pink with rich copper tan shadings. As luscious as a talisman rose.75
- THE ADMIRAL — An intensely deep, yet not dark blue of great brilliance and jaunty form. As perky an admiral as you ever saw.75

THE BISHOP — A very majestic deep purple. One of the best. ....	.75	WABASH—An all time great, a true amoena with snow white standards and purple velvet falls edged white. Very showy and a fine performer. Appeals to men especially. ....	.50
THE SENTINEL — A vivid copper blend that is a traffic stopper. ....	.50	WAVERLY — A very large and lovely deep medium blue that is imposing in character. ....	.50
TIFFANJA—A very clean plicata of clear buff standards and whiter falls, both marked golden brown. General effect yellow buff. Does extremely well here. ....	.75	WEST POINT—Striking two-toned blue with pronounced touch of brown. Fine large flowers. Rather late. ....	.50
TIFFANY—Still in great demand is this lovely rose and yellow plicata that does so well every year and everywhere. ....	.50	WHITE CITY—Dykes medal winner from England. An immense and beautiful flower of silken blue white with a touch of blue at the heart. Crisp and very cool. Tall and early. ....	.50
TISHOMINGO—A very large and tall wistaria blue self of flaring form and firm substance. Standards are well arched, falls flaring. Flower is fresh, cool and frosty. ....	.75	WHITE CODDESS—A large glistening white of statesque beauty, domed and lightly ruffled. ....	.50
VAGABOND PRINCE — A very dark iris blooming midseason. Try it beside a clump of yellow for startling color effect. ....	.50	WHITE SAMITE — A distinctive flower in blue white. Different. ....	.50
VATICAN PURPLE—A very bold iris of deep purple, silky yet smooth and heavy. Wide flaring falls without haft markings. A real beauty!	\$1.00	WINNESHEIK — Another fine dark blue that has stood the test of time. A lighter edging on the falls adds interest. ....	.50
WAR EAGLE—A huge showy iris of deep rose. Grows strongly and blooms well.50	WINTER CARNIVAL — A fine large white iris with flaring falls. Very lovely.75

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BEARDLESS IRIS

These fine Spuria and Siberian types are wonderful for landscaping and are most effective in well placed clumps. Both like a moist location, though once established, will thrive under ordinary garden conditions. Plant in September or early October, about two inches deep and be generous with the water.

SIBERIANS

BLUE CHARM—Large light blue	.50	OTTAWA — Very showy iris of deep blue and white.	.75
CAESAR—Fine deep purple.....	.50	SNOWY EGRET — A very lovely white, perhaps the best. Flow-ers are large, flaring and frill-ed.	\$1.00
CAESAR'S BROTHER—A darker more velvety Caesar .....	.50	TRUE BLUE—A good blue iris.....	.50
KINGFISHER BLUE — Tall light blue. ....	.50	TYCOON — Largest Siberian to date. A giant in rich purple vel-vet.	\$1.50
LLEWELLYN — Tall with flar-ing deep blue flowers. ....	.60	WHITE DOVE — A good short white for the front row. ....	.50
MISS DULUTH—A fine deep blue by Sass. ....	.50	ZEST—Bright blue with red ac-cent.	.50
MOUNTAIN LAKE — Clear med-ium blue, flaring, ruffled and very crisp.	\$1.00		
MOUNTAIN POOL — Clear sky blue smoothly finished. ....	.75		

SPURIAS — and related species

BEN LOMOND — Medium deep blue.	\$1.50	MRS. A. W. TAIT—Porcelain blue, strong grower, early. ....	.50
DOROTHEA K. WILLIAMSON—Low growing rich purple, fine for corsages. ....	.50		3 for \$1.00
EUPHROSYNÉ—Nice vivid blue.	\$1.50	OCHROLEUCA — Standard cream white.	\$1.00
LORD WOLSELEY — Deep blue purple.	\$1.50	PREMIER — Strong growing pur-ple and white, very good.	\$1.00
LUMIERE—Yellow and white.....	\$1.00		3 for \$2.50
		PSEUDACORUS — Interesting wide leaves, yellow flowers.50
		SUNNY DAY—A tall lovely gold-en yellow.	\$1.00

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If you are an ardent iris fan—and aren't we all?—better join the American Iris Society. You will receive four quarterly bulletins and an incalculable amount of pleasure and inspiration. Dues are \$4.00 per year and worth it, or get the bargain rate of three years for \$10.50. Send directly to The American Iris Society, Franklin Road, Brentwood, Tennessee. It is a good sound investment that will pay dividends.

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